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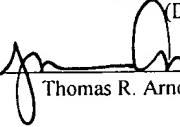
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Maher et al.  
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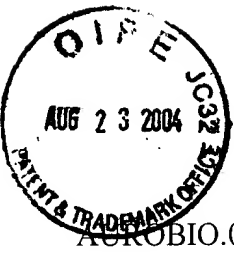
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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